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Since only a translation of JP 1-230375 and JP 62-82975 was made of record along with the June 24, 2005 information disclosure statement, the Examiner struck the citation thereof from the corresponding citation form. Instead, the Examiner cited these documents as translations of these respective patents on the accompanying PTO-892 forms.

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